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Applicant(s):

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(Legal Representative)

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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTHS EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Office Action, mailed October 19, 2005, be extended for three months up to and including April 19, 2006.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is being submitted concurrently herewith.

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A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form authorizing the amount of \$1,810.00 (\$790.00 for the filing fee for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and \$1,020.00 for the three-month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3)), to be charged to Sidley Austin LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260 is enclosed herewith in duplicate. However, if the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form is missing, insufficient, or otherwise inadequate, or if a fee, other than the issue fee, is required during the pendency of this application, please charge such fee to Sidley Austin LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Sidley Austin LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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